number of scholarships given in the years 1917 to 1926 for studies or training in Agricultural Science or Horticulture, and of the total number of scholarship-holders in these years, how many are (1) caste-Hindus, (2) non-caste Hindus, (3) Christians, (4) Muhammadans and (5) Jews, and how many applicants there were for the scholarship given last time?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Member is referred to page 35, Part I of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 23rd Chingam 1093. For information on the other points the Member is referred tothe answers to questions 183 and 203 of the last budget session.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—A part of my question has not been answered. The answer given is to refer to questions 183 and 203 of the last budget session. They do not furnish the information.

President.—Is not the information with regard to the various scholarship-holders in Agriculture from 1917-1926 furnished by that answer? Please look into the matter, Mr. Raman Menon.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I did not get the opportunity to put a supplementary question to that answer. The answer given to it does not answer the point which I wanted. That is why I repeated the question, as I wish to have a classification of the scholarship-holders. The answer furnished shows "Brahmins two, non-Brahman caste-Hindus six, and Christian 1".

President.—According to your question, you want the number of caste-Hindus who were awarded scholarships. In the answer caste-Hindus are sub-divided as Brahmans 2, and non-Brahman caste-Hindus 6. You will readily get the result as 8 by adding 6 and 2, and this answers your point.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I just wanted to draw the attention of the Government to this fact.

The allotment for Panchayat works.

84. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—It is claimed for the budget estimate of 1102 that the allotment of Panchayats has been substantially increased. Will the Government be pleased to state,—

(a) whether it was not the practice in previous years to sanction separate allotments for new wells, tanks, roads, sanitary arrangements, etc., out of the departments concerned;

(b) what portion of the allotment is covered by the omission in the budget of the other departments for works now transferred to the Panchayats?

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Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) Yes.

(b) Out of an excess grant of about Rs. 32,000 for 1102, nearly Rs. 14,000 is on account of works that used to be provided for in other departmental budgets.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Answer (b)—I do not follow the point "excess grant of Rs. 32,000". What is it that is meant by "excess grant"?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—The allotment for the last year is one lakh and eleven thousand. The allotment for 1102 is one lakh and 43 thousand. Thus there is an excess of grant, of nearly Rs. 32,000 over last year's amount.

President.—That explains the excess under reference.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So the Panchayats proper have received only 18 thousand rupees.

President.—Where has the rest gone? The excess of Rs. 14,000 is transferred to the Panchayats from Public Works and other Departments. The Panchayats proper gets all these amounts. The excess amount is an addition to the Panchayats. After all, this excess of Rs. 14,000 was used to be provided in other departments for doing works which are now done by the Panchayats. Certain works which are now done by the Panchayats were being done by the Public Works, Sanitation and other Departments.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So other works were also transferred to the Panchayats.

President.—The Panchayats now get altogether this one lakh and 42 thousand rupees.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The two figures 14,000 and 18,000 may be shown separately, as they are misleading otherwise. Because it is said in the question "that the allotment for Panchayats has been substantially increased."

President.—Substantial increase means that there is an addition when compared with the previous year, as other works were also transferred to the Panchayats from other departments. If you want that also to be referred to, I can only say that it is left to the discretion of the authorities concerned.

The presentation of a medal to Dr. Verghese.

85. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if it is aware that strenuous attempts are being made to collect money to present a medal to Dr. Verghese, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer on behalf of the people of Cochin?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—No.

86. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if it is a fact that a Government servant is the

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